(iv) Pasture development of 287 hectares of gauchar land;

(v) Plantation of 67768 forestcry trees and 281621 horticulture plants; and

(vi) Farm bunding of 844961 meter and contour bunding of 424581 running meter.

Loans for completing road construction projects

1147. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to seek loans from the World Bank or other international financial institutions with a view to completing the road construction projects in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the quantum of loans decided to be sought?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) A requirement of Rs. 60,000 crore has been estimated for achieving the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The available source of funds is the 50% share of the Cess on High Speed Diesel (HSD) amounting to approximately Rs. 2500 crore per annum, which revenue stream is clearly inadequate to finance a Programme of this magnitude in a . definite time-frame (2000—2007). For achieving this objective, it would be imperative to generate additional financial resources, which could involve borrowings from, infer *alia,* the External Funding Agencies, such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. The Ministry have approached the Department of Economic Affairs to take further action in respect of raising of additional resources for PMGSY by External Funding Agencies, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. The Department of Economic Affairs have sought the response of the World Bank and other

multilateral and bilateral Institutions on the possibility of financial assistance for PMGSY.

Diversion of rural development funds to non-poor

1148. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Rural Finance Report, World Bank, 1998, Integrated Rural Development Funds had gone to Non-Poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have investigated into this matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Government of India is not aware of any such report. The World Bank (New Delhi Office) have clarified that the Rural Finance Report, World Bank, 1998 is a draft report and not for public distribution.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Assistance granted under IAY to Kerala

1149. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance provided by Government under Indira Awaas Yojana for Housing Scheme to Kerala;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the State of Kerala to allot funds for District-wise utilisation;

(c) if so, the District-wise details and the amount thereof; and

(d) whether Government have sanctioned the proposed scheme and extended financial assistance for the same?